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## George W. Nickel III Appointed to the California Postsecondary Education Commission

SACRAMENTO — February 6, 2007 — Senator Don Perata, President pro Tempore, appointed George (Wiley) W. Nickel III, a Democrat from Dos Palos, to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Mr. Nickel is a rancher and an attorney whose roots are deep in agriculture. He grew up on a local farm in the San Joaquin Valley and his family's love of agriculture traces back to his great-great-grandfather Henry Miller who began farming in the San Joaquin Valley over 150 years ago.

A graduate of Tulane University and Pepperdine Law School, Mr. Nickel views public service as a way to serve his community. His experience includes working on the staffs of Vice President Al Gore and Congressman Dennis Cardoza, and as a Deputy District Attorney in Merced County. His term on the Commission expires December 31, 2011.

*The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. The Commission's primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities.*